



## Recommendation for Water & Wastewater Commission

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	March 9, 2016
<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	March 31, 2016
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing
<b>SUBJECT</b>	
Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with <b>CINTAS CORPORATION</b> , for uniform cleaning services, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000, with one 24-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$195,000.	
<b>AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING</b>	
Funding in the amount of \$32,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining six months of the original contract period and extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.	
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Cooperative Purchase
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	N/A
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	March 9, 2016- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
<b>MBE/WBE:</b>	This cooperative contract was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this contract, there were insufficient number of certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

This contract provides cleaning services of uniforms for Austin Water employees and ensures Cintas maintains a reliable source to clean the uniforms in a safe and environmentally appropriate manner. Uniforms include pants and shirts that are soiled with raw sewage contaminants, grease, oils, lubricants, and other fluids due to daily operations. Once a week, there are approximately 140 positions that will use the uniform cleaning services.

Cintas is a commercial laundry service provider that manages their wastewater by filtering or recycling it with proper documentation upon disposal of the wastewater. This is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommended and approved way to handle this type of waste stream. Cintas laundering consists of washing in a minimum water temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit to kill bacteria, parasites, viruses, cysts, and other pathogens. Cintas captures and reuses waste heat from their wastewater and boiler and utilizes nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPE)-free detergents in their wash process.

Cintas Corporation is contracted through U.S. Communities, a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. This contract is the result of a competitive bid awarded by the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. The cooperative purchasing program was established as a state structure for local government agencies to make use of their collective purchasing power and is authorized under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, and Texas Government Code.

Without this contract, employees will have to clean their uniforms using local commercial laundry facilities or their home washers and dryers. This practice would create an environmental hazard because raw sewage contaminants, grease, oils, lubricants and other fluids washed out of the clothes would drain into and contaminate the waste water system. It also creates a safety hazard because raw sewage contaminants, grease, oils, lubricants, and other fluids remaining in the uniforms could ignite from the dryer's heat and cause a fire.